

A Worship Minute... -by Keith Getty

This outlines the story behind the song "By Faith" which we sing here at St. Andrew's. The inspiration behind this song reflects the importance of our Christian heritage and the faith of those who have gone before us.

"As God's people, we need to lean on those who've gone before us.

"One generation will commend your works to another; they will tell of your mighty acts. Your kingdom is an everlasting kingdom, and your dominion endures through all generations. The Lord is faithful to all his promises and loving towards all he has made. My mouth will speak in praise of the Lord. Let every creature praise his holy name for ever and ever." Psalm 145:4, 13, 21

When I read this passage, I'm reminded that the praises and testimonies of one generation are to echo into the next. All ages serve and worship the same God, gather under the same gospel and add to the collective song that praises the faithfulness of God as each generation shares in his promises to us. We are part of something timeless, and the exercise of stretching our vision beyond ourselves leads us further down the road to an eternal perspective on all of life and our very reason for being.

Hebrews chapter 11 tells the overarching story and shows how believers today are traveling on the same journey of faith as those throughout the ages who've walked before us."